

HA-1417

By 1878

Col. Webster's Tenant House
206 N. Hickory
Bel Air
private

This typical three bay tenant house is on the 1878 Map. Its back building almost doubles the size of the original house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Col. Webster's Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON
Esterley House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
206 N. Hickory

1st

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
—WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL —PARK
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY —OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Samuel C. Guercio

Telephone #: 877-7287

STREET & NUMBER
1808 Bel Air Road

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 755
Folio #: 400

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HH-1917

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small shiplap house, a rental unit for much of its life, is at 206 N. Hickory in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It has a three bay front building with a two bay two story back building and a small single story addition on the north bay of the west elevation of that. The ridge of the gable roof of the front building goes from north to south; the gable roof of the back building meets the front at right angles. This is simple workingman's housing in the style used before the gable roof was turned to face the street.

It has 1/1 double-hung sash windows which are probably 20th century replacements. They are flanked by shutters. The only ornament, besides the blood red color of the front (east) elevation, is the shed roof front porch carried on plain square posts. The entrance is in the south bay of the east elevation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES by 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small tenant house is of uncertain date. It appears on the 1878 map as belonging to Col. Edwin H. Webster. He bought the property in 1869 (22/220) from Charles W. Lee, but no consideration was mentioned. Lee had sold the lot previously in 1859 to Robert B. Sellers. Sellers joined in conveying to Webster, so it is possible that Sellers had built this little house sometime after 1859 but had not finished paying Lee. At any rate, the house was there by 1878 and remained in Colonel Webster's possession until he died in 1893. His heirs sold it to James W. Peterson in 1907 (120/482). Peterson sold it the next month to Ellen Dowling for \$900 (120/481). It was then occupied by Daniel Carroll of P. Miss Dowling married Frederick Esterly. They lived in the house. In 1920 it was assessed at \$760. She died in 1936 and left the property to her husband for life. He died in 1952, and the property was sold to Frank S. Kearney in 1953 (407/157). Kearney transferred it to a presumed daughter, Marie, who was single, a few months later (1954, 412/398). Miss Kearney sold it to Carl J. Hall in 1963 (627/315). Hall lost it as a result of a lawsuit in 1967 (755/400). The present owner, Samuel Guercio, paid \$1,060.44 and assumed a \$12,980.50 mortgage.

From the look of the house it may originally have been just the front portion - one room up and one down. By 1930 it had reached its present configuration.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1878 Map
1920 Bel Air Tax Assessment
1930 Sanborn Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #267 in the Town of Bel Air.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

13 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form		SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1417	
		NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
		UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing	
		U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
		PRESENT FORMAL NAME: House	
COUNTY: Harford		ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Col. Webster's Tenant House	
TOWN: Bel Air			
LOCATION: 206 Hickory		PRESENT USE: Rental unit	
		ORIGINAL USE: same	
		ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
COMMON NAME: Esterley House		BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence			
OWNER: Samuel C. Guercio ADDRESS: 1808 Bel Air Road Bel Air, Md.		PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent() Good() Fair(X) Poor()	
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(X)		THEME: Architecture	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State() National()		STYLE: Vernacular	
DATE BUILT: Between 1859 & 1878			
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:			
Structural System			
1. Foundation: Stone(X) Brick() Concrete() Concrete Block()			
2. Wall Structure			
A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam() Balloon()			
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick() Stone() Concrete() Concrete Block()			
C. Iron() D. Steel() E. Other:			
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard() Board and Batten() Wood Shingle() Shiplap(X)			
Novelty() Stucco() Sheet Metal() Aluminum() Asphalt Shingle()			
Brick Veneer() Stone Veneer()			
Bonding Pattern: Other:			
4. Roof Structure			
A. Truss: Wood() Iron() Steel() Concrete()			
B. Other:			
5. Roof Covering: Slate(X) Wood Shingle() Asphalt Shingle() Sheet Metal()			
Built Up() Rolled() Tile() Other:			
6. Engineering Structure:			
7. Other:			
Appendages: Porches(X) Towers() Cupolas() Dormers() Chimneys() Sheds(X) Ells()			
Wings() Other:			
Roof Style: Gable(X) Hip() Shed() Flat() Mansard() Gambrel() Jerkinhead()			
Saw Tooth() With Monitor() With Bellcast() With Parapet() With False Front()			
Other:			
Number of Stories: 2			
Number of Bays: 3			
Approximate Dimensions: 18' x 30'			
Entrance Location: N. Hickory			
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat() Zoning() Roads() Development(X) Deterioration(X) Alteration() Other:		LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive() Negative() Mixed() Other:	

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 1/1 w shutters entrance in s bay
shed roof porch on plain sq. posts

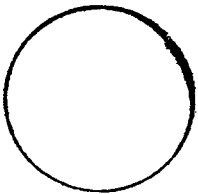
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Col. Webster's Tenant House
an example of workingman's housing before the shot-gun
style appeared c. 1870's

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
Residential(X) Commercial(X)
Agricultural() Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
5 November 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 206 N. Hickory

755/400 25 September 1967
Cypert O. Whitfill, Trustee
 to
Samuel C. Guercio
Whitfill was Trustee in Samuel C. Guercio
vs Carl J. Hall & Frances, 1967
\$1,060.44 plus \$12,980.50 mortgage

627/315 28 August 1963
Marie P. Kearney, unmarried
 to
Carl J. Hall & Frances

412/398 28 April 1954
Frank J. Kearney & Althea
 to
Marie P. Kearney
to assume mortgage (407/161,1953)

407/157 22 December 1953
Elizabeth C. Bredekamp, executrix of
Ella D. Esterley
 to
Frank S. Kearney & Althea
\$6750
Ella Dowling Esterley died November 5, 1936.
She left her real estate to her husband
Frederick for life (will 20/8). Frederick
Esterley died February 4, 1952.

120/481 23 April 1907
James W. Peterson & Lucy
 to
Ellen E. Dowling
\$900
the land now fenced & occupied by Daniel
Carroll of P.

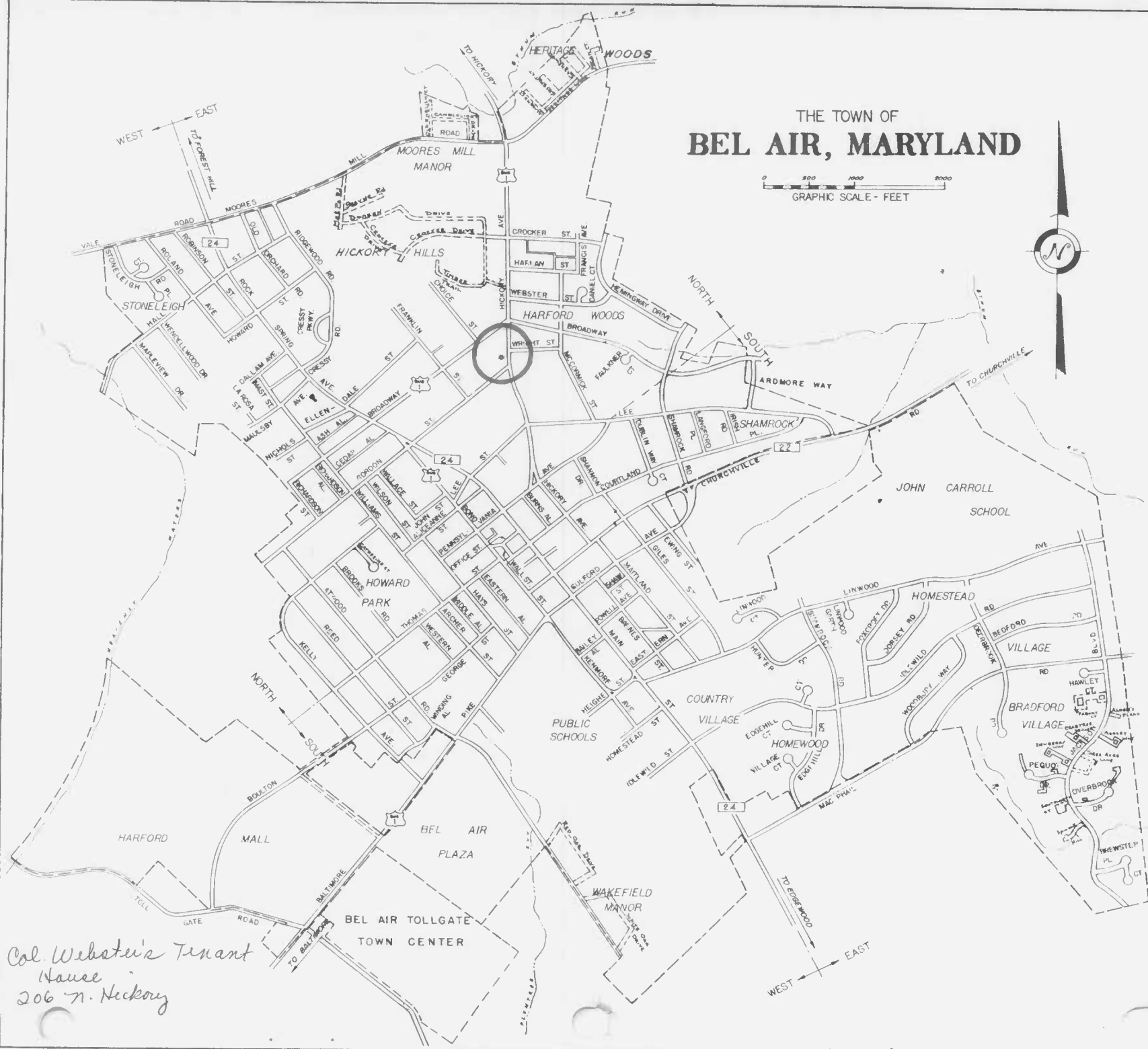
120/482 13 March 1907
Ida W. Hunter et al
 to
James W. Peterson
property of Edwin H. Webster (will 11/315)

22/220

3 May 1869
Charles W. Lee & Elizabeth &
Robert B. Sellers
to
Edwin H. Webster
the property was sold by Lee to Sellers
in 1859. They join to convey.

THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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House
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